

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 remain allowed.

Claim 1 is amended herein to correct a minor grammatical error that arose by way of the Examiner's amendment set forth at page 2 of the Notice of Allowability dated February 27, 2008. In particular, the instant amendment removes the redundant phrase "*is brought into contact*" from the last line of claim 1, since the Examiner's amendment of February 27 has already amended line 6 of claim 1 to recite "*which method comprises contacting*".

It is noted that the instant amendment to claim 1 does not raise any substantial new issues for the Examiner's consideration and does not require any further search on the Examiner's part. The same amendment also puts claim 1 in a more proper form for issuance in a United States Patent.

If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 referencing docket no. 2185-0792PUS1.

CONCLUSION

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John W. Bailey (Reg. No. 32,881)

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at the telephone number below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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